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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Robinson, followed by Senator Lynch, Warner and Robak. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I haven't...I've only spoken once on this issue. (LB) 1063, as the Governor has said, smells. Well, I'll tell you it stinks so much now I'm really...and I know I'm going to be forced to vote for it, but you've got, as mentioned on the floor, you know, we're going to hit the counties and in my area the farmers are going to pay the tax. Well, and then we dillydally around with the sales...sales tax on farm equipment. Well, I don't know. I know some of my rural friends have conjured that up and I know they're not going to vote for it. They're not going to vote for 1063 and I don't think that's right. If you've got enough courage to put it together I think you should vote for it and, I don't know, I think we'd a been better off with just four cents off on the sales tax, and actually what it gets down to is a big fight between the rural interests--who's going to pay, who's going to buy new...new equipment, who's going to...everyone's going to get stuck on the fertilizer tax and that's a dilemma and I don't like it. I think sometimes we would be better off with...if we'd a forgotten about the 5 cents on sales tax. What should have been done, and it's been said several times but I'm going to say it again, the best policy would be everything on or everything off, but it isn't going to happen. Senator Schmit can say it a million times, there are options out there, but there's one thing that's not out there and that's the votes to pass it and we might as well get it in our head the votes aren't out there to pass it. And we growl, we've debated and we've argued for two weeks, but the votes are there. There's one thing I can do and that's count. I can count to 25 and I can count to 30, and we know our nose is against the concrete right now. Senator Warner has said several times, and he's correct, every thing is on and, to my rural senators, if every thing goes on you better take one good look at what happens to the formula for school aid. I've got one county that will lose a million dollars if everything goes back on. You can stand up here and rant and rave all you want to, but you better check up on how much your schools are going to lose 'cause they're going to lose a lot and you know what's going to happen? If you like the rural fabric of Nebraska, you better vote for the constitutional amendment. I've got a couple of towns out there without schools. Go take a look at them. They've disintegrated to